

HOUSE RESOLUTION 126
By Scroggs

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of David Hartridge
McGehee of Germantown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the passing of David McGehee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGehee was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Shelby County, David McGehee was a highly respected member of the Germantown community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGehee was a man of vision who helped bring Germantown into the 21st century with his unique and modern designs of public and private buildings; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected architect, David McGehee displayed great talent at designing buildings that were both contemporary and traditional; and

WHEREAS, his excellence in architectural design will be posthumously honored and recognized by the Germantown Arts Alliance in February of this year; and

WHEREAS, a Germantown native, Mr. McGehee received his architectural engineering degree from Iowa State University after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, David McGehee returned to his hometown, where he helped shape Germantown's future look with his superb designs of projects of public buildings, including the Municipal Center, Civic Center, Performing Arts Center, St. George's Episcopal Church, Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown Small Animal Hospital, Community Commercial Bank, Methodist Hospital Medical Office Building, Sessel's, Pickering Center and the Charity Horse Show Arena; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGehee served with acumen and alacrity as the president of McGehee/Nicholson/Burke Architects, Inc., in which position he earned the respect of his peers, city officials and Germantown residents for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded man, Mr. McGehee always found the time to lend his incredible talents to worthy organizations, such as the Germantown Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, a true pillar of the community, David McGehee rendered astute service as a former teacher at Memphis Academy of Arts, a past director of Community First Bank and a chairman and member of Germantown's planning commission; and

WHEREAS, David McGehee was an active and devout member of the Germantown United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGehee was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, David McGehee enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 46 years, Mertice Jeter McGehee and was the proud parent of David Hartridge McGehee, Jr. of Denver, Scott McGehee of Clearwater, Florida and Norris McGehee of Memphis; he also took great pride and joy in doting on his six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGehee leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mr. David Hartridge McGehee and applaud his laudable efforts in beautifying Germantown, while we reflect fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere condolences to the family of David McGehee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.